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Edward Weeks To Speak January 12 On Current Books

Lecturer, Magazine Editor And Judge of Prize Book Contests

SPEAKER FRIEND OF LITERARY LEADERS

Writer Attended Harvard, Cornell, Cambridge Universities

Edward Weeks, editor-in-chief of the Atlantic Monthly Press, will lecture here January 12. His subject will have to do with a discussion of contemporary literature.

For the past ten years Mr. Weeks has been in direct contact with outstanding authors including Mazo de la Roche, Theodore Dreiser, Eugene O'Neill, Nordhoff and Hall, Bertrand Russell, James Truslow Adams. Besides being one of the busiest editors in the publishing world he is acquainted with all branches of current magazine work, writing and publishing and is also a well-informed student in the world of literature.

He attended Cornell engineering college but soon decided that he was unfit for this work, volunteered with the Croix de Guerre. Letters describing his experiences during his term of service received so much comment that they were sent to the editor of the Atlantic Monthly. This influenced Mr. Weeks to transfer to Harvard university where he received a scholarship for special work in the department of English. A second scholarship enabled him to continue his studies at Trinity college, Cambridge, England.

On his return to the United States he began to contribute essays and other articles to magazines and in 1925 he became assistant editor of the Atlantic Monthly. Later he was editor-in-chief of the book department. Since 1927 Mr. Weeks has presided over seven different book contests, four in fiction and three in non-fiction. Every one of these Atlantic Monthly prize books has found a leading place in contemporary literature.

Mr. Hammond Gives Talk On "Die Walkure" Sunday

Mr. Lansing V. Hammond discussed the third act of Wagner's opera "Die Walkure" at a meeting of the Wagner Verein, held in Forest recreation room last Sunday night.

This act, which closes the opera, is made up of some of Wagner's most famous work, including the Magic Firé Music, which accompanies Wotan's casting of the ring of fire around Brunehilde, his Walkure daughter, as punishment for her disobedience to his commands. Mr. Hammond played a recording of this scene made by Lawrence Tibbett, singing with the Philadelphia Symphony orchestra. Other records of the scenes of this act and pictures of various stage settings used in its production, completed the lecture.

After the Christmas recess, the group will hold its first meeting on Sunday, January 10, at 8 o'clock. At this time, Mr. Hammond will take up the first act of "Siegfried".

Freshman Quartet Defeats Williams

Darrow, Leggett. Pickard Defeat M. I. T. by Score Of 2-0 in Contest Friday

Last night a freshman debating quartet composed of Lloyd G. Butterfield, William A. Onion, Bronislaw S. Piskor and Loring W. Pratt defeated a team of Williams college at Williamstown, Mass., by the unanimous vote of both judges and audience.

The topic was, resolved: That the federal government should own and operate all electric utilities in the United States. Middlebury defended the negative. Each side had three eight-minute speeches and one rebuttal of six minutes.

January 14 the Blue and White varsity forensic team will engage Brown university in Mead chapel. The subject to be argued has not yet been decided.

Friday a Middlebury trio composed of John F. Darrow '37, Ralph W. Pickard '37 and Glenn H. Leggett '40 met a team at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The Blue and White won by a 2-0 decision.

Middlebury argued the affirmative of the question, resolved: That extension of consumers' cooperatives would contribute to the public welfare.

Annual Christmas Song Service Held

Chorus of Eighty-five Gives Concert at Vespers Last Sunday

MR. BEDFORD LEADS

Combined Choirs and Glee Club Entertain With Yuletide Music

The annual Christmas vesper service was held Sunday afternoon at 4:30 in Mead chapel. Under the direction of Mr. H. Ward Bedford a combined chorus of eighty-five persons including the college choir, the freshman choir and the glee club sang Christmas music.

The program opened with the selection "Pastoral Symphony" by Handel. This was followed by the processional and Handel's anthem "For Unto Us a Child Is Born" sung by the college choir. Following this the freshman choir sang two French carols by Gaevert, "Slumber Song of the Infant Jesus" and "A Joyous Christmas Song".

After the reading of the Christmas story, Mrs. Elizabeth Frantz played a violin solo "Jesu Bambino" by Yon. Next a Latin Christmas motet, "O Magnum Mysterium" by Vittoria, and an American carol, Dickinson's "The Shepherds Story", was sung by the college choir.

Following the responses and prayer the glee club sang "A Catalonian Christmas Carol" by Lefebvre. Next "A Christmas Carol from Lapland" by Dickinson was offered by the college choir.

The service was brought to a close by the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorous" from Handel's "Messiah" by the combined choirs.

Short Skits Given By Spanish Group

Margaret W. Scherholz in Charge of Presentations At Wednesday Meeting

The Spanish club held its monthly meeting last Wednesday evening in Forest hall recreation room.

Members were entertained by two short skits given in Spanish under the direction of Margaret W. Scherholz '37. The first, "Los Martinez en el Restaurante", was a humorous sketch of a family who found fault with the food and service of a restaurant where they were eating. Those taking part were Richard P. Taylor '37, waiter; Robert R. Rathbone '39, father; Guillermo F. Garrido-Lecca '40, son; and Doris E. Heald '37, mother.

"El Enfermo", the second play, portrayed a scene in the office of a doctor, played by Taylor, who is trying to prescribe for a patient, Bruce V. St. John '37, who only thinks he is sick. The entertainment continued with several games played in Spanish. At the next meeting the club will celebrate the Spanish Christmas which is held on January 6, rather than December 25.

Sixty German Club Members Take Part in Annual Christmas Caroling

Sixty members of the German club participated in the annual caroling service early Sunday morning.

The group started from Pearsons and sang carols at several dormitories and professors' houses under the direction of Prof. Everett Skillings. After the singing the students met at the home of President and Mrs. Paul D. Moody where breakfast was served.

Winter Carnival Committees Chosen At Meeting Of Mountain Club Board

Reading Given at Recent Meeting of Neutral Group

The independent association held a meeting Monday evening in Hepburn social hall.

Professor William S. Burrage read Dickens' "Christmas Carol". Following this reading, Werner P. Ickstadt '38 presented a program of violin selections. His program included "Song of India" by Rimsky-Korsakoff, "Perpetual Motion" by Bonn and "Rogue's Song" by Kreisler.

A committee composed of Nelson C. Keables '38, Almy D. Coggeshall '39 and Foster P. Whitworth '39 is planning a tentative program for next semester.

After vacation the group plans to sponsor several contests with awards going to those members who device entertainment programs which are adjudged the most worthy of prizes. Fred L. Stone '37 has charge of all special entertainment features.

At a recent meeting of the club Charles M. English '40 was selected as the freshman representative to the executive council. Other happenings of the association in the past few weeks have included a lecture by Prof. John G. Bowker.

Women Complete Series of Debates

Tour of Massachusetts and Rhode Island Finishes by Contest at Boston Today

The women's debating team completed their tour through Massachusetts and Rhode Island with a debate at Boston university this afternoon. Debates with three other colleges were included in the four day trip.

In each debate the Middlebury team upheld the negative side of the question, resolved: that all electric utilities should be governmentally owned and operated. The encounter with Radcliffe college was the only non-decision debate.

Monday afternoon a team composed of Carol Bloom '37 and Jane W. Kingsley '38, defeated representatives from Rhode Island state college at Kingston, R. I. The same team opposed Radcliffe college in a non-decision encounter Tuesday afternoon at Cambridge, Mass. Elizabeth B. Knox '37 and Miss Kingsley participated in a debate with Pembroke college, held Tuesday evening at Providence, R. I. This afternoon Miss Bloom and Miss Knox represented Middlebury in a debate with Boston university at Boston, Mass.

The women debaters left Middlebury Sunday afternoon and travelled by train. Prof. Perley C. Perkins, coach of the women's debating team, was unable to accompany them on the trip.

Vespers Speaker to Be Dr. Scherer January 10

Dr. Paul Ehrman Scherer, pastor of Holy Trinity church in New York city, will address the college at vespers Sunday, January 10.

Dr. Scherer received his B. A. from the College of Charleston, South Carolina, and also his M. A., magna cum laude. He attended the Lutheran theological seminary in Philadelphia, and obtained his D.D. at Roanoke college in 1923, and his LL.D from the College of Charleston in 1935.

For many years Dr. Scherer has been an instructor at Mt. Airy theological seminary and a radio preacher during the summer. He is the author of "When God Hides" and has contributed to many magazines. The Lutheran Inner Mission Society of New York has elected him president, and he is a member of the Lutheran Board of Publications.

Bert F. MacFadden '38 Carnival Chairman Presides

ELEVEN CHAIRMEN SELECTED MONDAY

Advisory Board of Past Heads and Faculty Approved

Plans are progressing rapidly for the 1937 Winter Carnival, to be held Feb. 17, 18, 19, and 20, and the first details of the four days' activities were released this week.

At a meeting of the Carnival Chairman, Bert F. MacFadden '38, and the mountain club governng board held this week, the following committees were chosen:

Advisory—Prof. Perley C. Voter, W. Storrs Lee, Robert L. Hutchinson '37, chairman of the 1936 Winter Carnival, and Margaret W. Scherholz "37, co-chairman of the 1936 Winter Carnival.

Publicity—Marshall Sewell '37, chairman, John F. Darrow '37, Richard C. Soule '38, James A. Singiser '39, Doris M. Downing '37, and Isabel C. Handy '37.

Tickets—Herbert T. S. Ellison '37, chairman, Frank E. Hobson '38, Robert J. M. Matteson '38, Gordon A. Barrows '39, Ruth F. vanSickle '37, co-chairman, Janet E. Randall '38, Alice M. Bassett '38, Phyllis S. Malcolm '38, Elizabeth A. Dunning '39.

Entertainment — Parmelee C. Hill '37, chairman, Walter E. Brooker '37, Bernard H. Brusseau '38, Harold W. Lewis '38, Roland W. Anderson '38, Anne F. Sargent '38, co-chairman, Eleanor E. Barnum '38, Catherine H. Prouty '38, Elizabeth M. Reynolds '38, Audrey V. Dimm '39, Marilynn Manning '39.

Carnival Ball—Richard P. Taylor '37, chairman, Paul W. Foster '37, Earl L. Giller '37, Robert J. Boehm '38, Jean Hoadley '38, co-chairman, Elizabeth E. Osborne '38, Ruth B. Duffield '38, Margaret B. Ray '39.

Women's Jubilee—Florence A. Over-

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Two Plays Given Tuesday Evening

Program of Brief Comedies Presented at Playhouse Under Student Direction

Two one-act comedies were presented last night at the college playhouse by student casts. They were part of the current program of experimental plays under the direction of members of advanced classes in the drama department.

The first play was "Sham" by Frank Tompkins. It was directed by Helen R. Barnum '37 and Catherine M. Van Blarcom '37. The story was that of a thief who succeeded by a ruse in persuading a young couple to let him carry off all their artistic treasures.

Following "Sham", "Heaven on Earth" by Philip Johnson was presented. Marjorie M. Bulkeley '37 and Muriel K. Jones '37 were in charge of its direction. In this play the parents of a young girl prevent her running away with an eccentric young man by threatening to pursue a similar course themselves.

Admission to these productions was free to all students holding dramatics season tickets. For the first time a special arrangement made it possible for them to exchange these tickets for performance tickets at the bookstore yesterday afternoon.

Liberal Club Sponsors Talk by Dr. Payson Smith On Subject of Failures in Present Day Education

Dr. Payson Smith, noted educator, spoke on the subject, "Has Education Failed?" Thursday evening in McCullough gymnasium. The lecture was under the sponsorship of the liberal club.

In answer to the question which his topic presents, Dr. Smith said "Education has failed in the past, is still failing, and will continue to fail. "But", moderating his statement, he went on to say, "This is fortunate for us, since progress is measured by failure rather than success." He then cited several examples of inventions which seemed to be improbably successes, as the telephone, the automobile, and the airplane all of which play an important part in our civilization. These inventions did not start out letter-perfect, but after several unsuccessful results, genius was challenged to work and improve upon them.

The first fundamental error in educating both adults and school children today which Dr. Smith gave, was the lack of ability to grasp comprehensively the mechanics of reading. President Tyler, at one time head of Dartmouth, made the statement that not more than ten percent of the senior class knew how to read and get the full understanding back of the words. The schools have fairly well succeeded in teaching the mechanics of this subject but have failed to develop a taste for the better classes of literature.

"But on the whole," said Dr. Smith, "There seems to be a growing interest in the line of cultural growth. The people of the United States are now supporting the three best symphony orchestras in the world. Sponsors of radio programs are constantly becoming aware of the fact that the public is demanding a better type of music. Until recently the schools have not included this type of education in their curricula. Art was first introduced into the American school system, not because the teachers asked for it, but because our own business men realized that America could not compete with the artistic masterpieces of industry produced by other countries of the world."

Education has also failed in relation to citizenship. Its original purpose was to insure success for our democratic institutions. Therefore, we can realize that there can be no possibility of having a successful government without education. In addition to memorizing the history and learning the framework, students should be given an insight into the actual mechanisms of politics.

The speaker listed the following sug-

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LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT

The library best serves as center of a college's cultural existence, if it is intrinsically attractive to students. Middlebury has suffered somewhat in this respect by maintaining slightly too stiff and didactic an atmosphere in its own library. A "browsing room", such as Hobart, Wesleyan and other schools have long possessed, would remedy this condition.

The attractive informality established in such a room by comfortable chairs, pleasing decorations, and current, interesting books and periodicals would have three beneficial effects. It would present an excellent opportunity for intellectual relaxation within the college machinery. It would help in forming the "literary-habit", a thing of undeniable culture-building value. Most important, undergraduate attitude towards the library would be changed: no longer would it seem a stern factory of learning but rather a quiet, ideal spot for study and mental enjoyment.

Direct student financing of the improvement is possible and this would insure a favorable undergraduate reception. Only a few simple steps are required to effectuate the proposal.

Ever since payments for the three student publications have been part of the regular college bill, larger and larger reserve funds have been accumulating in the name of each organization. The CAMPUS has over $3,000 "earmarked" for a possible emergency; the "Kaleidoscope", $800 and the "Saxonian", $800. It is next to impossible that any of these groups will ever cut into their constantly-increasing surpluses to anywhere near the limit. This money, paid in by the student body, is at present completely unproductive and sterile. No better use could be found than to invest it in a "browsing room", a boon to every undergraduate and faculty member.

Not more than $3,000 would be needed to make this idea an actuality. The present periodical room, which now is so little used that more than six people are rarely in it at one time, could be remodeled and refurnished for about $1,500. An adequate supply of new "browsing books", such as Stalling's "The First World War," and modernistic magazines, "Life" and "Coronet" for instance, could be purchased with the remaining $1,500.

This capital could be secured by transferring amounts from the three publication surpluses to a special "browsing room" fund. Taking $2,000 from the CAMPUS, $500 from the "Kaleidoscope" and $500 from the "Saxonian" would lower no organization's reserve to the danger point.

President Moody, the deans of both the men's and women's college, and Mr. Parker, acting librarian, have all expressed support of this plan. Leading members of all three publication boards strongly favor the scheme. All that is now needed is a wave of undergraduate opinion behind the measure and the actual carrying out of necessary procedure.

The administration, if it so desired, could transfer money to the new fund without consulting the students at all. A much better procedure would be for each board to vote a recommendation that the transferal occur; the business manager's assent would then be forth-coming because of administration approval. The latter plan would make the change a student accomplishment and thus insure enthusiastic undergraduate backing.

In order to fill a long-felt need and make worthwhile use of student money, now completely unproductive, we strongly recommend that the undergraduate body support the plan and procedure outlined above.

ROBERT J. M. MATTESON '38

CURRENT GLIMPSES

—by John Francis Darrow '37

DID YOU KNOW??? That Eugene duPont, father of woman to marry young Roosevelt, contributed only $100 to American Liberty League??? And that move to nationalize Mexican oil fields fast gaining ground??? That after first of year, many bonds will be offered by industry??? That Russian purchases in US mostly on cash basis?? And that as government ceases to borrow, business will enter this field???

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NYA—Reliable report that NYA funds to colleges to be cut. Authority: Aubrey Williams, former NYA head, assistant WPA chief. Reason: WPA running out of money, all branches must be cut. Method: Cutting overhead expenses and dropping from NYA roll all who can get other help. Unless Congress is prodded to give more funds, all colleges can expect less appropriation with which to work. Election over.

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DUKE OF WINDSOR—Title of former Edward VIII. Funds an uncertainty. Probably inherited considerable, but no one knows amount, for royal wills never filed for public eye. Queen Mary and family probably help him until Parliament provides Edward [illegible] title for his brother.———Germany taken by surprise at abdication. Rigid censorship deprived German citizens from news of crisis until after abdication. Cause mentioned in one sentence. Demonstrates effectiveness of government control over press and radio. Big build-up for new King now in process, for he lacks qualities of former ruler. More pagentry at crowning planned to make up for his own appeal.

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CHINA—Capture of military leader by rebel forces more important than Chino-Japanese wrangle. Chiang Kai-shek, until recently, openly favored Japanese cooperation, and his rebel captors charge him with same feelings now. For his release they demand an agressive policy against Japan, regaining territory stolen by Japan and recognition of Communists. Move indicates what was rumored for months—that General Chiang more interested in personal power than Chinese pride. Japan quiet during this move, for future course of China depends on outcome.

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HULL—Secretary of State accomplishing another step in his peaceful policy. Not understood by many. A practical idealist. Sincerely desires peace, but not in Kellog way of signing pacts, but securing economic ties, which in end more lasting. Was a fighter in boyhood days, and enlisted army man. Given credit for knowing more about tariff and income tax than any man in Washington. FDR might hit headlines in SA, but Hull is brains of show. His brains direct FDR in most important diplomatic moves. Stresses results, not publicity.

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INDUSTRY—National Association on Manufacturers a new group in meeting just held. Last year they gave administration no credit for policies and acts. Blanket condemnation, with charges of "Oriental philosophy'" and "isms" running and ruining government. Meeting this year stressed government and industrial cooperation. Little administration criticism. Reason: association composed of practical business men, who took FDR's reelection as guide to its future course for next four years.

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PAGE MARS — State department speeding organization of its foreign offices to give detailed reports on war activities of major countries. Diplomats report that: Russians, Germans and Italians are as enthusiastic over their leaders as US is over FDR—Vermont and Maine excepted—; That France and Britain do not want war; that Russia and Germany unprepared for major conflict, Germany because of lack of raw materials and foods (1,000,000 ton shortage of wheat and rye this year), and Russia because of poor transportation facilities; that France and Italy are best prepared and that England will not reach peak until next year.

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THE COURT—Prolonged absence of Justice Stone from Supreme Court gives rise to speculation that he is more ill than public knows. Is a liberal. Vote needed for pro-New Deal litigation. Talk already flying on Capitol Hill as to successor and Senator Bob Wagner, NY liberal, in front-of talk. Also expected that FDR will have more than one appointment during second term. Two or three more liberals would mark court decisions for next decade.

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NOTES—Ammendment proposed to reciprocal trade act, requiring Senate ratification of any action . . . Rising interest rates expected . . . Federal regulation of wages and hours again in whispers, pushed by Senator Wheeler . . . New Interior Department building so poorly lighted that artificial light needed at all times . . . Eastern railroads control nearly half of bus and truck concerns in their territory. . .

LIBRARY NOTES

—by Roland L. Wolcott '39

Are you like that student from the women's college whom we overheard last week?" The rugs on the floor of the Abernethy wing," she remarked to a friend, "are so nice it's painful to walk on them." We know there are many students who feel the same way about it. In fact, we know of at least one student, graduated since the wing was opened in 1928, who never set foot inside its portals. Undoubtedly there are many similar cases of students who have come and gone with the feeling that the Abernethy wing was a library for the elect only. The same attitude is quite noticeable at the present time and it is hoped that with the change in policy which has just been put into effect students will come to feel that the wing is a room to be used by everyone.

The wing will be open every evening for study and browsing. On the tables will be found a number of recent books by American authors. These books cover many topics and touch on many interesting subjects. If you are an admirer of Rockwell Kent's peculiar type of modern art, you will be interested in his book "Wilderness" with his own illustrations. It is an account of the winter which he and his small son spent on Fox Island, Alaska. (Rockwell Kent's daughter is the wife of Allan Carter, director of the Vermont symphony orchestra, whose home is at Woodstock. Kent designed the program cover for the orchestra.) Perhaps you are interested in a truly funny book on humor? If so you will certainly want to dip into "Enjoyment of Laughter" by Max Eastman. If you are an Am. Lit. student you will find interesting material in Van Wyck Brooks' "The Flowering of New England" which is a brilliant analysis of American writers from 1815-1865.

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The fourth edition of H. L. Mencken's classic, "The American Language", has just been secured by the library. Speaking of advertisers as word manufacturers, Mencken quotes the Horation Ode published by Brander Matthews:

"Chipeco thermos dioxygen, temco sonora tuxedo Resinol fiat bacardi, camera ansco wheatena; Antiskid pebeco calox, oleo tyco barometer Postum nabisco!

Prestolite arco congoleum, karo aluminum kryptok, Crisco baloptican lysol, jello bellans, carboundum! Ampico clysmic surboda, pantasote necco britannica ensyclopedia?"

NOTE! This is not Greek or Latin.

CALENDAR

Thursday—
11:00 a. m. Christmas vacation begins.
12:45 p. m. Special southbound train leaves Middlebury.
Tuesday, January 5—
8:00 a. m. Classes begin.
Sunday—
5:00 p. m. Vespers speaker, Dr. Paul E. Scherer of New York city.
Monday—
Basketball, men vs. Amherst, there.
Tuesday—
Hockey, men vs. Williams, here.
Basketball, men vs. Wesleyan, here.
8:00p. m. Edward Weeks, lecturer, in Mead chapel.
Wednesday—
Hockey, men vs. Union, here.

NOTICE

The schedule of classes for tomorrow morning will be as follows:

8:00 classes	8:05 to 8:45
9:00 classes	8:50 to 9:30
10:30 classes	9:35 to 10:15
11:30 classes	10:20 to 11:00

The usual morning chapel service will be omitted.

The vacation will end January 4, classes beginning at 8:00 on Tuesday, January 5.

NOTICE

A special southbound train will leave Middlebury at 12:45 p. m. tomorrow.

NOTICE

The Boston Alumnae association of Middlebury College is giving a tea at the College club, 40 Commonwealth Avenue from 3:00 to 5:30 o'clock on Tuesday, December 29. All present undergraduates from Boston and vicinity and any others in Boston at the time are cordially invited to attend.

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Members of French Club Sing Carols Monday Eve

The French club made their annual tour around campus singing French Christmas songs last Monday evening.

Under the direction of Professor Freeman, Professor Le Jolly and Mlle. Kurtz, the French club left the Chateau at 10 o'clock and made their first stop at Forest hall. The club next sang in front of Pearsons and then entertained Hillcrest with French Carols.

On the men's campus the club sang for Hepburn and along fraternity row. After singing for Dean Ross, Professor Burrage and Professor Manty, Le Cercle stopped before Professor Freeman's home and then went in for a short party. The last stop was at the home of President Moody.

WINTER CARNIVAL PLANS RELEASED

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ton '38, chairman, Margaret Gardner '38, Louise Hoyt '38, Jane Liddle '38, Emily M. Barclay '39, Eleanor L. Jeschke '39.

Coronation Pageant—Fred L. Stone '37, chairman, Bruce V. St. John '38, Arthur D. Gilbert '38, John B. Gray '39, Louise J. Godley '38, co-chairman, Helene G. Cosenza '38, Elizabeth N. Gates '38, Dorothy S. Burnap '39.

Dunmore Outing—Nelson M. Camp '39, chairman, Stephen W. Scott '38, George C. Park '39, Sam M. Warner '39, Claribel M. Nothnagle '38, co-chairman, Monica L. Stevens '38, Helen Brewer '39, Dorothy H. Harris '39.

Program—Edward C. Hallock '38, chairman, Raymond M. Fairbrother '38, James A. Miner '38, Margaret B. Leslie '38, co-chairman, Virginia L. Fischer '38, Edith P. Egbert '39.

Inter-collegiate Meet — Loring D. Chase '37, William M. Moreau '38.

Klondike Rush—E. Sherburne Lovell '38, chairman, Hervey W. Mead '38, Deane F. Kent '39, Katherine C. Whittier '38, co-chairman, Arne L. Bulkley '38, Elizabeth W. Warner '38.

Plans for the annual Carnival Ball are progressing rapidly and announcement of specific details will be made in the near future.

So What? — by Heinz

DEAR SANTA:

I hope you remember me. I write you a letter like this every year. I am that custom-made institution way down in the mountains. I am always very good and I never do anything that would invoke any criticism. Why Santa, I even voted for Landon this year. Maine and Vermont got a lot of publicity out of doing that, but you know how reticent I am. Wasn't that nice?

You see, I've been so extra very good this year that I really think you should give me everything I ask for. Gee Santa, I need so much that I hope you won't think I'm being greedy. I'm not even going to ask you for a Field House like I did last year, so that ought to please you. I'll try to be reasonable. Here goes:

1. First of all Santa, won't you please bring the Register Co. one more compositor, so when Walt is sick this corner won't resemble the Monday wash in a cyclone. While on this subject, you might also bring us more men like Coach Brown who can take a fiasco like last week's in the proper spirit.

2. George Farrell says he would like a clock for his sanctum sanctorum down there in the gym. If you ask me, I would suggest one with an alarm, but really, George is a good egg so why not make it a fireplace, an armchair and a pair of slippers instead?

3. Now, Santa, I don't know whether you can meet this request or not, but have you some sort of brackets and guide ropes we could attach onto the top of the chapel benches for meetings after service. I'm afraid somebody is going to fall and get hurt some day climbing over them from the sophomore seats way down to the senior section. I saw the Skyline make it O. K. last Saturday, but then they're used to mountain ledges and whatnot. Suppose Kappa Phi Kappa should have a meeting!

4. From what I've seen around here, the ability of skiers seems to be in direct proportion to the outlandishness (good word) of their costumes. If you've got half a dozen sets of pink knickers, green stockings, purple shirts and orange caps you might bring those along for our team.

5. For Coach Nash you might bring along an amplifying system and set it up by the hockey rink. Even then he's going to have trouble making half as much noise as Duke Nelson made in former years. If here again success is directly proportional, perhaps you'd better bring two. There aren't many players left after last June you know.

6. For the basketball team Santa, you might hasten the second semester along if you can. They tell me there are some freshmen that are pretty hot at the old hoop game. I hope.

7. For some of those freshmen in Hepburn you might bring some teething rings and rattles. If they retrogress any further, they'll be needing them.

8. Just looking ahead to next fall Santa, you might bring along a right side of a football line. By the year numbers after the boys names, I'd say there isn't going to be a great deal left there after graduation. We must carry on, you know, to the Maple Sugar Bowl.

9. To the University of Vermont you might bring my condolence. You can also give them a nice stiff doormat, for as the most scored on football team in the United States they're getting sick of having everyone use them.

10. Finally Santa, if we've got to continue to put up with Heinz, you might bring him some new ideas. After two years I think he's finally going to run out.

Now there old dear, isn't that a nice list? I'll thank you now, but even if you don't bring me all those things, I'll still be a very good little college, honestly.

Expectantly,
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
(per) So What?

SPORTS

CHARGE OF PAGE
R. Matteson '38

Courtmen To Play Downstate Squads

Mass. State and Williams Will Be Next Opponents Of Blue and White Five

The Panther hoopmen left today for a down-state trip, with encounters against Williams and Massachusetts State slated tonight and tomorrow. Unsuccessful in its first contest, the Blue and White hopes to avenge its setback last week from Union.

Prospects for the engagement with the Purple are not too definite. Two years ago the Massachusetts quintet came up from behind to beat the Beckmen in a difficult contest. The Williamstown club, however, with a fairly successful season last year, is rated even stronger this season and it is expected that the Panther will meet a fast-playing aggregation when it takes the floor this evening.

Tomorrow when Middlebury engages the Mass. state hoopsters on their home floor at Amherst the Middmen will meet a squad seriously depleted by graduation. Moreover the local club triumphed over the Bay State team last year to the tune of 30-17.

The Blue and White starting lineup was at last report rather indefinite. A series of minor and more serious illnesses have hampered the coordination of the squad in scrimmage. It is probable that at the starting whistle tonight Van Doren and Chalmers will occupy forward positions, Anderson will jump for the ball, Clonan will play guard and Lonergan or Kirk will hold down the other guard position.

The loss of Lins, who will be absent indefinitely, due to his knee injury, is a severe blow to the Panther. The advent of Kirk, however, to the line-up is expected to exert a strong stabilizing force and he will undoubtedly see much action as soon as he acquires familiarity with the plays.

Women's Winter Sports Team to Visit Skidmore Snow Carnival January 8

A winter sports team consisting of five women representatives of Middlebury College will journey to the winter carnival which will be held at Skidmore college at Saratoga, N. Y. from January 8 to January 10.

Margaret W. Scherholz '37, Margaret Gardner '38, Emily M. Barclay '39, Margaret B. Ray '39 and Frances E. Cornwall '40 will represent Middlebury in the various events which will include ice hockey games, skiing competition and a trip to Skidmore's outing club cabin. An informal dance will be held Saturday night, January 9.

Miss Grace F. Lecomte, of the physical education department will accompany the Middlebury delegation.

Indoor Relay Team Has Speed Trials Recently

Under the direction of Coach Arthur M. Brown the indoor track squad is rapidly reaching top condition.

Three sets of time-trials have been held, with the aim of determining the speed developed by the candidates. Although the full distance has not been run the results in speed and endurance capacity are encouraging.

Immediately after vacation time trials will commence over the full distance in preparation for choosing teams for the three meets on this season's schedule. So far the veterans with the most promising results are Bernardini, Foster, Hill, MacFadyen and Williams.

Squad Of Twenty Practice On Rink

Fitchburg Teachers to Be First Foemen of Panther On Local Ice January 9

In preparation for their first encounter here Saturday, January 9, with Fitchburg State Teachers college, a hockey squad of twenty men are drilling daily on the best ice of the year.

Crushed 10-0 last year by the Blue and White picksters, the Massachusetts Teachers are out for revenge. As most of last year's sextet has returned to the fold, the Green and White will have a very strong team.

With two weeks of conditioning under their belts, the Panther six should be in good shape for their first test. Captain Phinney's ability is unquestioned while the remainder of the forward line, Manchester and Cullins, have shown considerable improvement over last year. At the defense positions, Swett, a veteran of two years, and Kinsey will start. The goalie position still remains a problem as both Tolman and McLeod lack experience. Both of them should see service in the first encounter. The second string will be made up of Westin, Cairns, and Elliott. Ward will be used at a defense position.

Coach Nash has been drilling his men in passing, shooting, stick handling, and checking the last few days. The first and second string lines have been working together to improve offensive plays. The loss of Wyman at a wing position and Demerritt at goalie, freshmen who will be ineligible for the first three games will be keenly felt.

Further practice and freshman eligibility should make the Panther six a formidable opponent for any sextet that they meet this season. Ice conditions during the past few days have been good and several scrimmages have been held. Freshmen have shown up well in these sessions.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

The DU volleyball team won the intramural championship by defeating DKE 15-9 and 15-10 at McCullough gymnasium last night. The DU team was easily the better aggregation, with Giller and Seixas consistently spiking for crucial points. Clonan was outstanding for the losers. The DU record was seven wins against no losses.

DKE and KDR tied for second position in the tournament with a record of five victories and two losses. Yesterday evening KDR defeated the neutral aggregation 5-15, 15-6 and 15-9 in a close fought contest that saw the winners come from behind in the final game. The defeat pushed the neutrals down to sixth place in the final standing where they tied with CP, chalking up a record of two wins against five defeats.

BK and SPE finished in a tie for fourth spot, with three victories and four losses. The Beta Kappa aggregation, however, was nosed out last night by Chi Psi 15-17, 15-5, 15-9. The Sig Eps scored an easy victory over ASP which took last place in the tourney with one win and six defeats. The count was 15-11 and 16-14.

Anderson, Craig, and Chalmers Win Recognition on Press Honor Teams

George A. Anderson '38, Middlebury guard, has been selected for the little All-American team chosen by the Associated Press. Anderson, recently elected captain of the Panther aggregation for next year, was noted for the extra points he kicked this fall.

William G. Craig '37, captain of the Blue and White eleven during the season just past, was chosen for the second All New England team by Eddie Casey, Boston sports writer. John Chalmers '38, back, was given honorable mention for the little All-American club.

Richard Hubbard Chosen Ski Coach

Veteran of Three Years on Middlebury Team Gives First Instruction Monday

Richard Hubbard '36 will coach the Blue and White winter sports team. The Panther squad will begin regular practises after the Christmas recess, but Coach Hubbard urged the men to keep in trim during the holidays.

Hubbard was for three years a varsity letterman on the Middlebury ski team fostering an active interest in the sport after the close of his college career. Hubbard saw three years of intercollegiate competition and took part in many of the events of the meets. He participated in down hill, slalom, cross country and jumping. He will begin coaching the team with the fundamental principles of skiing for those who are novices and will aid the more experienced men with his knowledge.

The squad met in the gymnasium on Monday afternoon and plans for the coming season were discussed. Coach Hubbard urged the men to try out for several events as success in competition often depends on scoring in all the contests, rather than concentrating in one field. Fourteen men turned out for the squad including Capt. Harvi and Robinson, the only remaining lettermen from last season. Kent and O'Connor are upperclassmen who have had previous experience. Five freshmen with promising prep ratory school records are Carter, Fairchild, Goodell, Seymour and Shiverick.

Six men will represent Middlebury at Lake Placid during the Christmas vacation. Capt. Harvi, Kent, Goodell, Robinson, O'Connor and Shiverick will compete in the intercollegiate contests held there during the week.

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gestions as those needed to remedy this situation: first, experience and instruction to help youth face the existing problems of government; second, a study by comparison of all the experiments being tried in the world of government; third, to make the educated youth care enough about his country to take some part in it. "Strange as it may seem", he said, "it is the educated people who are last to respond to our political challenges, thus leaving the management of our government in the hands of the ignorant."

He continued by saying that it is the responsibility of the student to find out where he wants to get in the world. A vocational objective usually rejected in the liberal arts collge, is needed. The speaker proposed a system whereby the student should decide by the end of his sophomore year what is to be done by the end of the senior year. Included in this category of objectives is the necessity for every student to have the right to ask a professor what contributions his course has to make and then decide whether or not it is worthwhile to follow such a course.

In conclusion, Dr. Smith declared, "There is no solution for our difficulties unless we look seriously on the business of education. Willingness to care and do something about the situation are the necessary elements to bring about a desire for a remedy."

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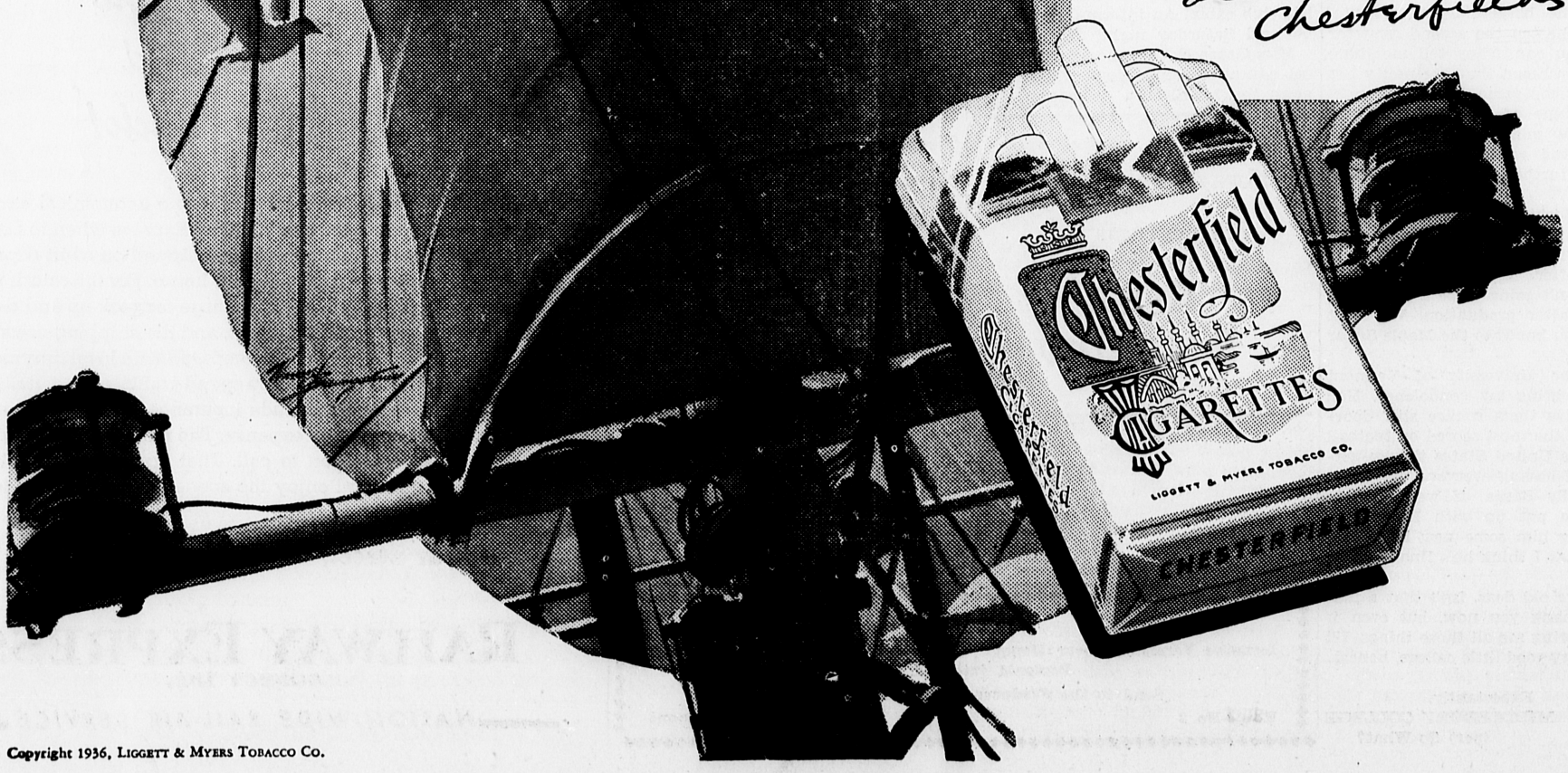

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